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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR STATE TRAILS PLAN

Interested persons now have until June 4, 2004 to submit written comments on the planned development of a State Trails Plan.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) held five public meetings across the state earlier this month to present information and receive input on the development of a State Trails Plan. These public meetings presented information collected on the inventory of existing, planned and potential bicycle paths and rail trails as well as NHDOT and Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) suggestions for future trail development.

Due to significant public turnout and response, the time period for additional written response has been extended to June 4. Written comments can be sent to:

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A draft report is expected to be produced by June 23, 2004.

The scope of the project is as follows:

To develop a joint NHDOT/DRED State Trails Plan by inventorying and mapping all bicycle/pedestrian projects and developed/undeveloped rail corridors; developing a statewide short range and long range plan for the integration of recreational/transportation trails with rail corridors and other bicycle/pedestrian facilities; developing design guidance for bicycle/pedestrian and recreational trail improvements; and developing policies with regard to funding, developing and maintaining transportation and recreational trails.

. For more information, visit the project website:

http://www.rizzo.com/nh_state_trails_plan.htm